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WELCOME TO THE NEW SEASON

We are pleased to present our new season brochure, with the very best of regional drama, music and comedy provided for your entertainment, as well as workshops to participate in and exhibitions to view.

This season sees the Burnavon playing host to the cream of Northern Ireland's professional and amateur theatre. In February, we have the Northern Ireland premier of Big Telly's 'Melmoth the Wanderer' as they celebrate their 25th year in theatre. Greenshoot Productions present 'Brothers in Arms' directed by Martin Lynch, and Conor McPherson's 'The Weir' is staged by Pomeroy Players.

'Carthaginians' by Frank McGuinness, one of the few enduring plays born out of 'The Troubles', is presented in March by Millennium Forum Productions. Directed by Adrian Dunbar this promises to be one of the highlights of the season. Prime Cut Productions, are back with their hilarious and moving homage to the working man 'Shoot the Crow'. The month is rounded up by 'Marianne Dreams' performed by award winning children's theatre company, Replay.

Drama also takes centre stage in April with Agape Dramatic Society making their welcome return to the Burnavon, with a brand new musical by Eleanor Crymble. Belvoir Players also return with the much loved Sam Cree play 'Widow's Paradise'.

'A Night with George', the hilarious, award winning, hit comedy from Brassneck Theatre Company, became an overnight sensation at the West Belfast Festival in 2009 before going on to sell out across Northern Ireland and further afield. It comes to the Burnavon in May.

Musical highlights include Robert Mizzell & guest, Lisa McHugh; The Máirtín O'Connor Band; Justin McGurk; Mike Denver; The Illegals featuring Niamh Kavanagh; Kenny Archer and James Huish, among many others. There is a rare opportunity at the end of May to see three of the finest songwriters and performers of their generation, as Brendan Murphy (The Four of Us), Brian Houston and Anthony Toner come together for a very special concert.

Ballet UK in association with the Tyrone Courier visit us for the first time when they present the magical tale of Sleeping Beauty. For those looking some light relief, there's also plenty of comedy to choose from. We've listened to your feedback and the Burnavon Comedy Club is back! Igor Bolshoikirov, the alter-ego of Moneymore man Cormac O'Donnell, presents his own unique take on life in Cookstown. Tim McGarry, Brendan Grace, the Give My Head Peace gang, and Kevin McAleer keep the laughs coming. So sit back enjoy the craic and all that is in store this spring at the Burnavon. Hope to see you here,

The Burnavon Team

WE'D LOVE YOUR FEEDBACK

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ALICE IN WONDERLAND

PRESENTED BY
Stewartstown Amateur
Dramatic Society



📅 Date

Fri 6 Jan – Sat 28 Jan 2012
Fridays at 8pm; Saturdays
matinee at 2.30pm,
evening show at 8pm

🎟 Tickets

£10 / £8 (Conc)

🌙 Preview night:

Fri 6 Jan £5 / £3

👨👩👧👦 Family ticket:

£28
(2 adults and 2 children /
1 adult and 3 children)

Follow Alice down through the rabbit hole, through the pool of tears, the Queens' Croquet-Ground, and into the Duchesses' garden, as her adventures in Wonderland come alive in this year's panto fun for the whole family. Join us for a magical theatrical experience and traditional panto fun, songs, laughter and local faces in Stewartstown's annual family pantomime.

PERFORMANCE SECTION

SCOTTISH CEILIDH

PRESENTED BY
Arts and Cultural Development

- 🕒 **Date**
Wed 1 Feb at 8pm
- 🎫 **Tickets**
£5

The Ceilidh is back. Come and enjoy a great evening of Scottish Country and Ceilidh dancing. With the help of experienced dance leaders, see how it is done and then join in. You don't need to have danced before, just come armed with your best dancing shoes and a sense of fun. Music provided by Risin Stour.



AN EVENING WITH ROBERT MIZZELL & LISA MCHUGH

PRESENTED BY
Michael Magill Entertainments

- 🕒 **Date**
Thurs 2 Feb at 8pm
- 🎫 **Tickets**
£20



A native of the southern state of Louisiana in the USA, country singer Robert Mizzell has made Ireland his home for the past seventeen years. With his five-piece band, The Country Kings, he has risen

to become the premier country music act in Ireland, regularly filling venues across the country.

The calibre of musicians in The Country Kings and the range of instruments they employ mean Robert's live performances consistently replicate the high quality sound of his recordings. He is joined by one of the scene's newest successful female singers, Lisa McHugh.



AN EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT SPECIAL GUEST: FIDDLER ADAM

PRESENTED BY
WINI

- 📅 **Date**
Fri 3 Feb at 8pm
- 🎫 **Tickets**
£10

Join the Women's Institute Northern Ireland for a wonderful evening of entertainment. The first half of the show is the WI variety show which presents sketches, music and poetry for your enjoyment. In the second half of the evening, you'll be joined by Fiddler Adam.

Fiddler Adam is one of the top fiddle players in Ireland and the UK. He plays varying styles of fiddle music from Bluegrass, Cajun and Country to Irish Traditional.



IGOR - FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE

PRESENTED BY
Burnavon Comedy Club

- 📅 **Date**
Sat 4 Feb at 8pm
- 🎫 **Tickets**
£10

After a hiatus of several years the **Burnavon Comedy Club** returns with an international flavour, featuring Igor Bolshoiikrov all the way from Russia (via Cookstown) for a comedy night with a difference.

Igor is a Russian migrant worker living in Ireland, telling stories of cultural differences, and bringing dancing, razor sharp wit, zany stories and a lot more besides to the stage!

MC for the eveing will be Belfast comedian Paddy O'Donnell and features support from the stars of the YouTube video 'Lambeggin'; Darren Matthews, Ruairi Woods, Johnny McCarthy and Christian Talbot.

So sit back...and craic up!

*Patrons please note:
Contains strong language. The material
used by comedians may not be to the
taste of all.*



**"An alter-ego matched
only by Borat"
The Laughter Sessions**

PERFORMANCE SECTION

MELMOTH THE WANDERER

PRESENTED BY
Big Telly Theatre Company

🕒 Date

Fri 10 & Sat 11 Feb at 8pm

🎟 Tickets

£12 / £10 (con)

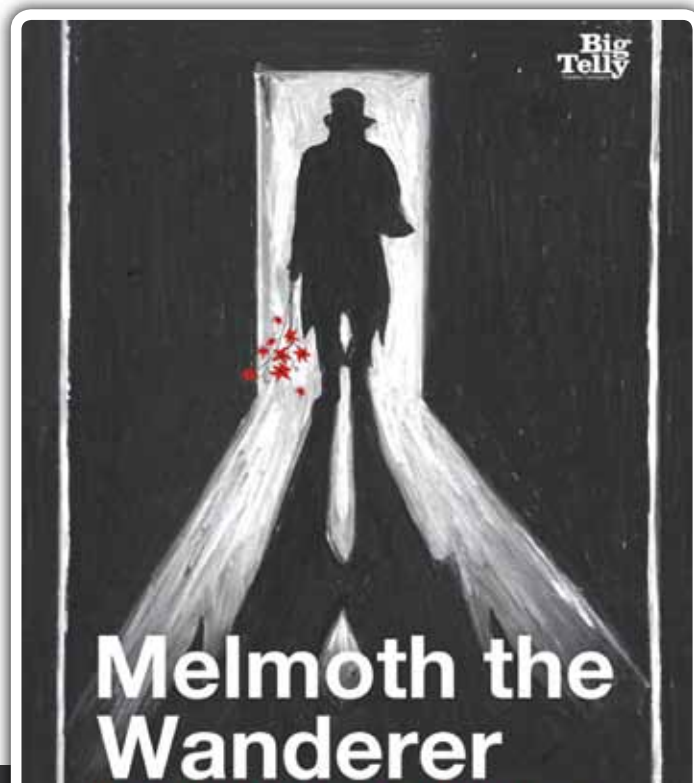
Celebrating Big Telly's 25th
year and following the smash
hit *Puckoon*...

Melmoth the Wanderer: a
colourful, condensed and quirky
show based on the first ever
horror novel, adapted by the
hugely popular Big Telly and
scripted by Nicola McCartney.

Five chancers present a terrifying
tale of temptation, torture and
a traveller desperate to find
someone to take over his pact
and release him from immortality.
Who will take on his curse?
His only surviving relative; or a
stranger in the depths of despair;
or an innocent child brought
up on a desert island with no
knowledge of the world?

NORTHERN
IRELAND
PREMIER

Comic surrealism
meets shock horror
in a series of ridiculous
situations where innocent
eccentrics struggle to survive.
A random playground of
the bizarre inspired by *Saw*,
Psycho, Tim Burton and Fawlty
Towers using projection,
animation and squeaky toys.
This is the sort of delirious
chaos that sets Big Telly apart
from other companies.



THE MÁIRTÍN O'CONNOR BAND

- ① **Date**
 Thurs 16 Feb at 8pm
 ② **Tickets**
 £15

Featuring Máirtín O'Connor (accordion), Cathal Hayden (fiddle, banjo), Seamie O'Dowd (guitars, vocals) and Jim Higgins (percussion).

For the past 10 years, the current line up of the Máirtín O'Connor band has been steadily evolving into a cohesive musical entity.

The catalyst for this was Máirtín when he invited the others to play on his ground-breaking 'Road West' album and again later on the 'Rain of Light' album, much of which went down live such was the musical and personal rapport that had developed between them.

Individually they have built solid reputations as musicians in terms of ability and versatility, and together they produce some of the most outstanding trad music you've ever heard.



JUSTIN MCGURK 'THE LOVE TOUR'

- ① **Date**
 Fri 17 Feb at 8pm
 ② **Tickets**
 £15

An established song writer and recording artist, Justin now has seven successful solo albums to his credit. Justin has shared the stage in Nashville and toured the UK & Ireland with the likes of Nancy Griffith, Hal Ketchum, Collin Raye, Bonnie Tyler & The Proclaimers.

Best known for his unique voice, Justin shows his diversity with the release of his latest album "Remember Me" which features many of Ireland's favourite songs. Join Justin with special guest Gerry Loughran (Wee Gerry) and Cathal Corey for a night of great music and song that you will not forget.

In association with St Mary's Church Dunamore Refurbishment Fund



PERFORMANCE SECTION

TIM MCGARRY'S POLITICAL PARTY

PRESENTED BY
David Hull Promotions

- ① **Date**
Sat 18 Feb at 8pm
- ② **Tickets**
£15



*Patrons please note:
Contains strong language.*

The lanky guru is back with a new one-man stand-up show and this time Tim has set his satirical sights on all things political.

Tim McGarry's Political Party is a hilarious fun packed examination of how we do politics here, as he takes a sharp look at our politicians and their contribution to making Northern Ireland the superb place it is today.

Would you 'Vote McGarry'? Maybe not, but you will be laughing at this sharp, scathing and side-splitting show which gives our politicians all the respect they so richly deserve.



BROTHERS IN ARMS

PRESENTED BY
Greenshoot Productions

- ① **Date**
Mon 20 Feb at 8pm
- ② **Tickets**
£12 / £10 (Con)

Written by Sam Millar
Directed by Martin Lynch
Designed by David Craig

Following the sell-out successes of 'Chronicles of Long Kesh' and 'Over the Bridge', Greenshoot Production presents its new play, Brothers in Arms.

Written by the former republican prisoner and novelist Sam Millar, this exciting new play tells the story of two brothers - one a dissident republican, the other a Sinn Fein MLA - who come together to bury their father.

Despite their mother's pleas to let their father rest in peace, old resentments and family secrets rise to the surface in this explosive look at the divisions in modern-day republicanism.

*Patrons please note:
Contains strong language.*



**THE WEIR
BY CONOR
MCPHERSON**PRESENTED BY
Pomeroy Players

- 📅 **Date**
Fri 24 Feb at 8pm
- 🎫 **Tickets**
£10 / £8 (Con)

'The Weir' is an enthralling and engaging exercise in storytelling as four men meet in their local bar in the fictional town of Carrick.

Each person's life and their relationship with their locality and friends starts to unravel as they take it in turns to try and impress Valerie, a visiting girl from Dublin, with their tall tales of ghosts, fairies and mysterious happenings.

Just as they think they have outdone one another, Valerie herself makes a dramatic and spine-tingling contribution to the proceedings...

**MIKE DENVER
& GUESTS 2012
CONCERT TOUR**PRESENTED BY
Tom Kelly Promotions

- 📅 **Date**
Sat 25 Feb at 8pm
- 🎫 **Tickets**
£25

Following his sell-out show at the Burnavon last year, Mike returns with a mix of his own well-known hits, country classics and timeless tunes. Accompanied by his excellent backing band and a super stage show, this promises to be one of the highlights of the season.

Special guests include legendary country singers Philomena Begley, Ray Lynam and Brendan Quinn.

**BLOOMHILL
GOSPEL CONCERT**PRESENTED BY
Bloomhill RBP 1147

- 📅 **Date**
Fri 2 Mar at 8pm
- 🎫 **Tickets**
£12

After last year's memorable Gospel night, Bloomhill RBP 1147 are again supported in their Gospel concert by popular local group the 1147ers; singers Paul Irwin and Kathryn Mitchell; The Thompson Brothers (ex-Low Country Boys); and the second Burnavon appearance for Live Issue. Compèred by the Rev Hugh Ross.



PERFORMANCE SECTION

THE ILLEGALS FEATURING NIAMH KAVANAGH

PRESENTED BY
Oldshore Productions

- 🕒 **Date**
Sat 3 Mar at 8pm
- 🎟 **Tickets**
£15 / £12 (con)

Niamh (Irish Eurovision Song Contest winner of 1993) and the Illegals present a unique tribute to the music of The Eagles and Fleetwood Mac, and the extraordinary effect these two great bands have had on the music of the last forty years. In a brilliant powerhouse performance, you'll be left in no doubt why this band has earned the tag of one of the best tribute acts in the country.



BRIDGE OF HOPE CONCERT

PRESENTED BY
First Presbyterian Church
Cookstown

- 🕒 **Date**
Wed 7 Mar at 8pm
- 🎟 **Tickets**
£10 / £8 (con)

Featuring Murley Silver Band from Fivemiletown, who are Northern Ireland Champions and are conducted by William Hill, playing an extremely versatile programme from musicals to modern pieces; from J.S. Bach to the Beatles.

Other performers are Cookstown Youth Choir, directed by Meta Bell; Donald Hill (Bass); Nigel Cairns (Flute); and Ryan Greer (Piano).

*Proceeds are in aid of the PCI
Bridge of Hope Project, Kenya.*



CARTHAGINIANS BY FRANK MCGUINNESS

PRESENTED BY
Millennium Forum Productions

- 🕒 **Date**
Thurs 8 Mar at 8pm
- 🎟 **Tickets**
£12

Directed by Adrian Dunbar

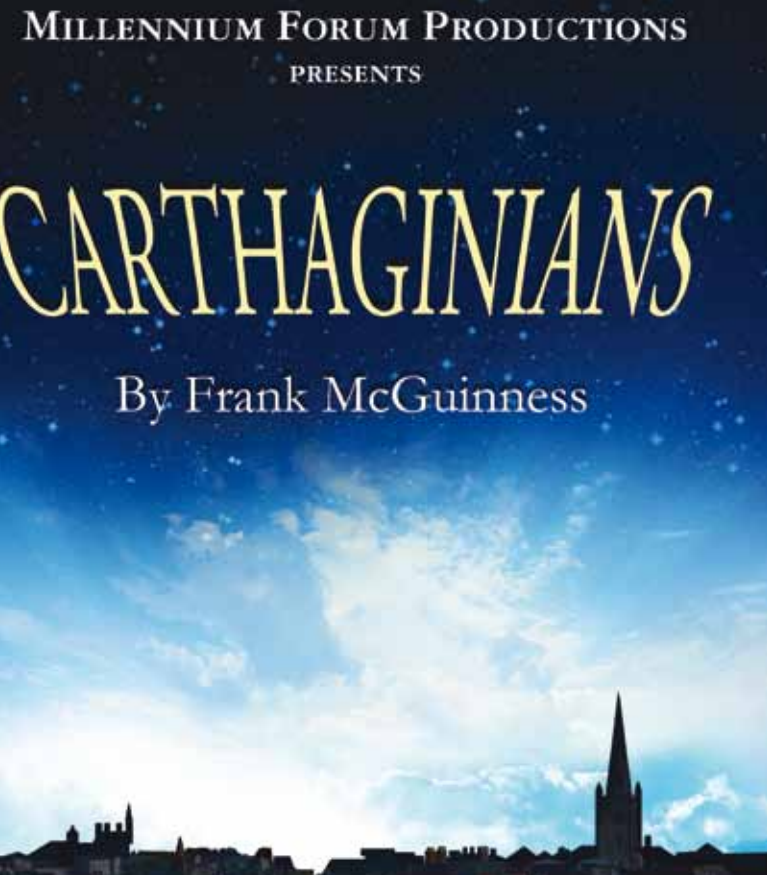
Frank McGuinness' 'Carthaginians' has often been acknowledged as one of the few enduring plays to have emerged from 'The Troubles'.

An elegy for Bloody Sunday in Derry, it is the survival of tragedy, of intense grief which becomes the unspoken subject through the personal journeys of three women and three men who camp out in a graveyard awaiting the rise of the dead.

Dido is the outsider who brings daily pram loads of supplies including a script of his own attempt at a Troubles Play, The Burning Balaclava, the comic centrepiece which is surrounded by jokes, quizzes and encounters which pass the time of waiting. Individual resurrections signal a community, like Carthage, rising from its ashes.

This production commemorates the 40th anniversary of Bloody Sunday and, appropriately within the theme of Carthaginians celebrates the 10th anniversary of the Millennium Forum.

"Brilliantly effective and affective"
The Guardian



KENNY ARCHER'S OLD TIME COUNTRY SHOW

PRESENTED BY
David Hull Promotions

- 📅 **Date**
Fri 9 Mar at 8pm
- 🎫 **Tickets**
£12.50



Country singer and yodeller Kenny Archer is the real deal – a genuine down to earth country singer with his feet firmly rooted in the Mid Ulster farming community he comes from.

Join Kenny, his band and friends as they bring you back to the early days of country, when artistes like Slim Whitman, Marty Robbins, Gene Autry, Loretta Lynn, Jimmie Rodgers, Hank Locklin, Jim Reeves and Patsy Cline ruled the airwaves.



BOYS BRIGADE ANTIQUES FAIR

PRESENTED BY
1st Cookstown Boys Brigade

- 📅 **Date**
Sat 10 Mar 10am - 4pm
- 🎫 **Tickets**
Adults £3
(accompanied children free)
Admission at the door



This very popular annual event offers visitors the opportunity to browse through superb furniture, fine porcelain, distinguished works of art and other desirable items on offer, and gives you the chance to unearth a treasure or two to add to your collection of valuables. If you have an eye for antiques, or are seeking something unique for a gift or your home, come along to see what you might find!



PERFORMANCE SECTION

ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

PRESENTED BY
Cookstown District Council

📅 **Date**
Fri 16 Mar at 8pm
🎟 **Tickets**
£10

Take your seats for our annual St Patrick's Day celebration concert when BBC presenter Declan Forde will introduce an array of vibrant

young local performers in a must see line up of music, song and dance.

This time round we are also delighted to welcome folk group Stonewall back to the Burnavon as our finale act.

One of the most popular evenings of the year - be sure not to miss it.



SHOOT THE CROW BY OWEN MCCAFFERTY

PRESENTED BY
Prime Cut Productions

📅 **Date**
Thurs 22 Mar at 8pm
🎟 **Tickets**
£13

They're back – Ding Ding, Randolph, Socrates and Petesy: four tilers working on a Belfast building site, dreaming of better things. There's an opportunity to make a few bob on the sly, but not all of them can commit the same petty crime...

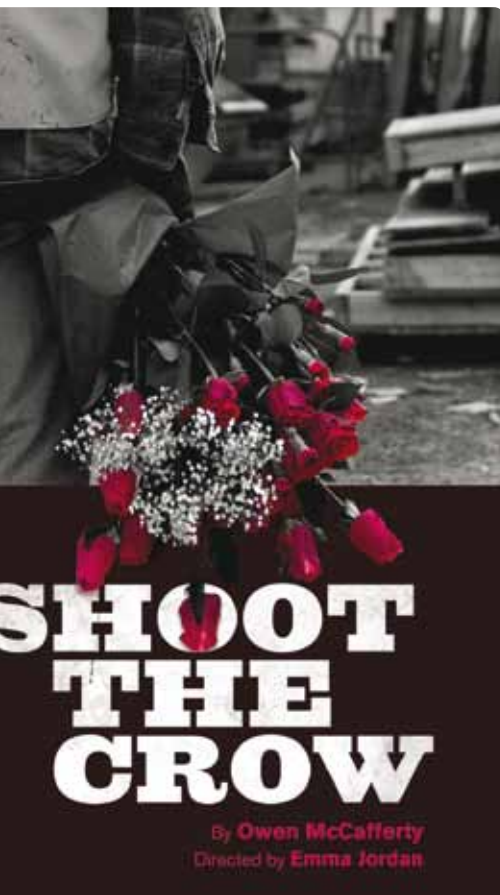
After their 2010 critically acclaimed sell-out tour, Prime Cut Productions are delighted to present McCafferty's classic comedy. Toured around the world from the West End to Tokyo, this is another chance for Northern Irish audiences to get to see his hilarious and moving homage to the working man.

*Patrons please note:
Contains strong language.*

"Shoot the Crow has to be the most therapeutic evening of laughter"
The Times



Prime Cut Productions
presents



BRENDAN GRACE 40 YEARS OF HILARITY

PRESENTED BY
Tom Kelly Promotions

- 📅 **Date**
Fri 23 Mar at 8pm
- 🎫 **Tickets**
£20



The greatest family comedian of our generation proudly celebrates 40 years in the comedy business.

Brendan's latest show features some brand new material and some old favourites from his vast repertoire over the last 40 years. His sense of timing and ability to read an audience is without equal.

A brilliant character actor, his 'Bottler' character is legendary and is now featured at every performance.



PERFORMANCE SECTION

35TH ANNIVERSARY CULTURAL EVENING

PRESENTED BY
Cookstown Sons of William FB

- 📅 **Date**
Sat 24 Mar at 8pm
- 🎫 **Tickets**
£12.50



Now a popular annual event, the Cookstown Sons of William Flute Band return to the Burnavon to stage an evening of musical entertainment accompanied by top pipe, flute, accordion and silver bands.



THE RAPE OF LUCRECE BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

- 📅 **Date**
Thurs 29 Mar at 8pm
- 🎫 **Tickets**
£12 / £10

Following a 5-star run at the 2008 Edinburgh Fringe and UK sell-out performances, Olivier Award nominee and Royal Shakespeare Company (RSC) actor Gerard Logan now presents his tour-de-force solo performance of Shakespeare's great narrative poem

This is theatre at its most pure and intense: a single actor, an empty stage – and the torment of rapist and victim spring brilliantly to life. Logan has played leading roles with the National Theatre and the RSC – here he brings emotional intensity to this account of the terrible crime of rape and its dreadful consequences.

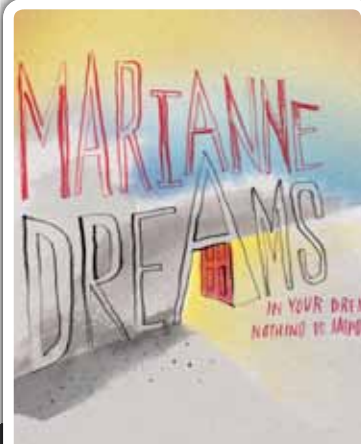


MARIANNE DREAMS

PRESENTED BY
Replay Theatre Company

- 📅 **Date**
Sat 31 Mar at 2pm
Duration 70 minutes
- 🎫 **Tickets**
£5
- 👤 **Age guidelines**
10-13 years

On her tenth birthday, Marianne is forced to bed with a fever. Bored, she picks up a pencil and starts to draw a house.



**FAIR
DAY**

That night she dreams. As she dreams, she finds herself in the very house she has drawn. Inside the house is a boy who seems strangely familiar. Together they begin an adventure. But is it real or a dream?

Marianne Dreams brings you something you won't have seen before. As the tale unfolds, an animated world appears plunging the audience into this intriguingly moody place, desperate to know how the story ends.

Maira Buffini is an award-winning writer whose plays have been performed all over the world. She has also written several screenplays including *Tamara Drewe* and *Jane Eyre*.

- 🕒 **Date**
Sat 31 Mar at 8pm
- 🎫 **Tickets**
Free admission
(Booking Essential)

Fair Day is a celebration of music and dance presented by young adults from Cookstown Day Centre, Kilonan and Sperrinview Schools and Saturday Superstars, in collaboration with Rich Music and members of the Ulster Orchestra. This very special showcase is the culmination of a project funded by the Arts Council of Northern Ireland, partnered by Cookstown District Council. It promises to be an unforgettable experience for all involved.

**HOLIDAY OF A LIFETIME
BY ELEANOR CRYMBLE**

PRESENTED BY
Agape Dramatic Society



- 🕒 **Date**
Thurs 12 & Fri 13 Apr at 8pm
- 🎫 **Tickets**
£10 / £8 (con)

Dancing, singing, laughter and entertainment for all the family in this new musical from the Agape Dramatic Society, set in Paris. Join Joe and Maggie as they set off for the holiday of a lifetime, which turns into a nightmare!



PERFORMANCE SECTION

WIDOWS PARADISE BY SAM CREE

PRESENTED BY
Belvoir Players

- 🕒 **Date**
Sat 14 Apr at 8pm
- 🎫 **Tickets**
£10

Widows' Paradise is set in a caravan somewhere in North Antrim. Five ladies arrive to spend a weekend to 'get away from men' (some of their number might even be looking for one) and begin to give their 'testimonials' about how they have suffered at the hands of those awful creatures "we shall call, for the want of a better word, men."

Sam Cree creates a laugh every three lines and a belly laugh in every page of this battle of the sexes which is arguably his best work.

*The performance is in aid of
Desertcreat WI*



GIVE MY HEAD PEACE

PRESENTED BY
David Hull Promotions

- 🕒 **Date**
Tues 17 & Wed 18 Apr at 8pm
- 🎫 **Tickets**
£20

Da, Cal, Ma, Dymrna and Billy the Peeler return to the Burnavon for an evening of fun, laughter and topical comedy not to be missed. They'll be joined by Ulster's favourite greasy haired bigot Uncle Andy- the man who's been training hard to win the Olympic gold in Orange marching.

If you've seen the gang live before, you'll be back for more. If you haven't seen them in a while - come and see what you're missing. A great night's craic guaranteed.

Patrons please note:
Contains adult references.
Responsibility for allowing
under 12s to view lies with the
accompanying adult.



**VARIETY
CONCERT**PRESENTED BY
Project Romania

- ① **Date**
Fri 20 Apr at 7.30pm
- ① **Tickets**
Free admission
(Booking Essential,
collection on the night)

In aid of Project Romania, this variety concert features some of the finest local singers, musicians and entertainers. Nigel Davison will be joined by Parker Donnelly, Aron and Leah Watson, Alice Marks, Janet Nelson, the Sperrinaires of Cookstown, Ten 38, Gary and Rhonda Lennox, and Young Harmony.

**RJ ROCKS
THE 80'S**PRESENTED BY
WGW Promotions

- ① **Date**
Sat 21 Apr at 8pm
- ① **Tickets**
£12.50

R.J. Woolsey is at the Burnavon for the first time with his 5-in-1 tribute show 'RJ Rocks the 80's'.

"...your Freddie Mercury was perfect..."
Simon Cowell

**AN EVENING WITH
BRENDAN SHINE
& GUESTS**PRESENTED BY
Showtime Productions

- ① **Date**
Sat 28 Apr at 8pm
- ① **Tickets**
£15.50

After his previous Burnavon sell-out show, Ireland's best loved entertainer and recording star Brendan Shine returns with his famous accordion for another superb evening of entertainment.

Add the unique country voices of Tony Kerr, Eugene O'Doran and Ardboe's new singing sensation Shauna McStravock, with compère Sean Wallace and you have an action packed show not to be missed.

*Proceeds in aid of the Southern
Area Hospice and Parkinson's*



PERFORMANCE SECTION

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

PRESENTED BY
Wireless Mystery Theatre

- 🕒 **Date**
Thurs 3 May at 8pm
- 🎟 **Tickets**
£12 / £10 (con)

In association with Dickens 2012, the bi-centennial of Charles Dickens's birth, WMT – On the Air! presents Great Expectations.

WMT bring you back to The Golden Age of Radio to recreate, on stage, the 1950s NBC production of Dickens's timeless story. Offering a glimpse through the radio studio glass, you'll see the frenetic excitement of a broadcast going out live, with live music, hand-generated sound effects, and commercials from the time. With this innovative new way to hear a familiar story, you should expect great things."



THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS

PRESENTED BY
Riverbank Productions

- 🕒 **Date**
Sat 5 May at 1pm & 4pm
- 🎟 **Tickets**
£4

Riverbank Productions presents Kenneth Grahame's "The Wind In The Willows", a timeless tale of (in the words of the author) "Life, sunshine, running water, woodlands, dusty roads, winter firesides".

Mole was spring cleaning his little home when finally he had had enough. "Hang spring cleaning!" thought Mole and he bolted out of his house to start an adventure. He meets Ratty, Badger and the reckless Mr Toad of Toad Hall.....

With four actors, puppets, original music and lots of joining in, this show is guaranteed to please family audiences especially children aged between four and nine.



**POPULAR
HITS 2012**PRESENTED BY
Sperrin Choir④ **Date**

Wed 9 May at 8pm

④ **Tickets**

£10 / £8 (con)



The Sperrin Choir, under the directorship of Sam Cuddy, take to the stage again with a toe-tapping programme of popular hits from the ages. The programme will feature a variety of ensembles alongside the choir and will include hits from the sixties through to the present day. The choir will perform hits like Make you feel my love, A Beatles Medley, Only You and You Raise Me Up. It promises to be a fun filled night of light entertainment, with something sure to appeal to every musical palette!

**A NIGHT
WITH GEORGE**PRESENTED BY
Brassneck Theatre Company④ **Date**

Thurs 17 May at 8pm

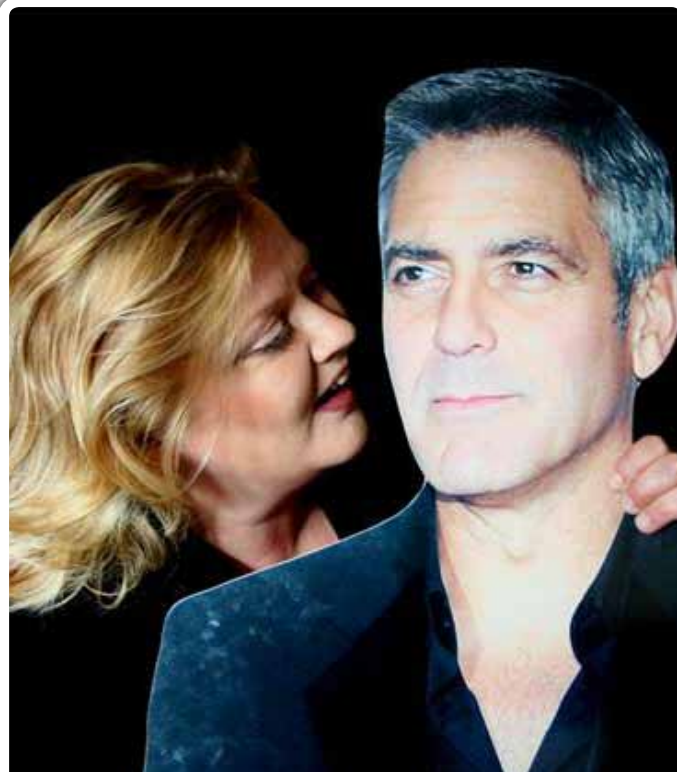
④ **Tickets**

£14.50 / £12.50 (con)

The hugely acclaimed smash hit original comedy which has developed a cult following across the world arrives at the Burnavon.

Not every woman gets to spend a night with George Clooney, but Bridie Murphy does! Let's face it, Bridie's life hasn't been all parties and premieres like George's, but it's a life full of drama nonetheless. Over the course of one evening, she takes George on the journey of her life. From the terrible lows to the hilarious highs, and charts the course to her unlikely future. With the all-important razor sharp black Belfast humour, this hilarious night of theatre is sure to leave everyone wishing that they too could spend 'A Night With George'!

*Patrons please note;
play may contain strong language.*



PERFORMANCE SECTION

THE KEVIN MCALEER SHOW

PRESENTED BY
Burnavon Comedy Club

🕒 **Date**
Sat 19 May at 8pm
🎟 **Tickets**
£12

When Kevin McAleer told his careers officer he wanted to be a comedian he just laughed, but soon afterwards the Tyrone space cadet was pictured in the paper

with a mortar board on his head after graduating from the School of Life with a first class honours BAAAA in Hysterics. McAleer is now travels the world as a senior lecturer in pure nonsense, and here delivers yet another master class in comedy writing, timing and delivery. Enrol early to avoid disappointment.

Photography by
Adam McCausland



FROM THE HEART

PRESENTED BY
David Hull Promotions

🕒 **Date**
Thurs 24 May at 8pm
🎟 **Tickets**
£14 / £12 (con)

A rare opportunity to see three of the finest songwriters of their generation, this performance brings together Brendan Murphy, Brian Houston and Anthony Toner for one special night.

Brendan Murphy, lead singer and primary songwriter with Irish band 'The Four of Us' has always possessed one of Irish music's most distinctive voices, a gorgeous timbre that expresses more wistful regret and yearning romanticism than most crooners could work up to in a lifetime.

Hailed as one of the great songwriters of his era, Belfast's Brian Houston constantly shifts the mood with songs that ache and break, and tell the story of the human condition.

Anthony Toner is a consummate performer and writer of songs such as Sailortown and Duke of Oaklahoma, leaves you in no doubt that you are in the hands of a classic storyteller who can weave tales of lives lived, and loves lost and won.



JAMES HUISH AND HIS MICHAEL BUBLE BAND

PRESENTED BY
James Huish

- 📅 **Date**
Fri 25 May at 8pm
- 🎫 **Tickets**
£15

The James Huish 'Coming Home Tour' features James and his superb 9 piece band producing a sound that cannot be rivalled and an experience not to be missed. Expect to hear hits such as 'Hollywood', 'Everything', 'Lost', 'Cry Me A River' and 'Haven't Met You Yet'.

The Michael Buble Show is less of a tribute and more a re-enactment and direct replication of the man himself. Members of Michael Buble's camp agree that James is a great representative and ambassador for Michael Buble. His on-stage charisma is electric, and coupled with his fantastic vocal ability this is the show not to be missed.



THE SLEEPING BEAUTY

PRESENTED BY
Ballet Theatre UK

In association with



- 📅 **Date**
Sat 26 May
Matinee Performance at
2.30pm
- 🎫 **Tickets**
£10 / £8 (con)
- 📅 **Date**
Sat 26 May
Evening Performance at 8pm
- 🎫 **Tickets**
£13 / £10 (con)

Join Ballet Theatre UK's internationally acclaimed company of dancers for this dazzling new ballet production, The Sleeping Beauty. Tchaikovsky's glorious music and beautiful classical choreography reawaken the magic of the world's favourite fairy tale, come with us to an enchanted world of castles and curses, forests and fairies.



LOCAL RESTAURANT SPECIAL OFFERS

We've teamed up with the following restaurants, which have special offers for Burnavon theatre-goers on presentation of your theatre ticket. All offers are subject to availability and cannot be used with any other promotion. You are advised to check with the establishment prior to arriving:

GREENVALE HOTEL

57 Drum Road
Cookstown BT80 8QS
028 8676 2243

- 15% off Bar Food and a la carte menus on presentation of theatre ticket
- Available 5pm – 7pm on the night of the performance

OTTER LODGE WINE BAR

26 Dungannon Road
Cookstown BT80 8TL
028 8676 5427

- Pre-Theatre Menu, One course £8.95, Two courses £12.95
- Available Mon-Sat inclusive, 5.30pm-6.45pm
- Booking advisable

THE ROYAL HOTEL

Cogh Street
Cookstown BT80 8NG
028 8676 2224

- Pre-Theatre Menu, Three courses £15
- Complimentary glass of house wine with meal included on presentation of theatre ticket
- Available 5pm - 7pm

GLENAVON HOUSE HOTEL

52 Drum Road
Cookstown BT80 8QS
028 8676 4949

- Pre-Theatre Menu, 2 courses £12.95, 3 courses £15.95 or,
- On presentation of theatre ticket, 10% off restaurant menu
- Available 5pm - 6.45pm

HARRY'S BAR & BISTRO

Tullylagan Country House Hotel
40B Tullylagan Rd
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Co. Tyrone BT80 8UP
028 867 65100

- Express Pre Theatre Menu 2 courses only £9.99
- Served Wed - Fri 5.30pm - 9.30pm
- On presentation of theatre ticket, 10% off our full grill menu



EXHIBITION SECTION

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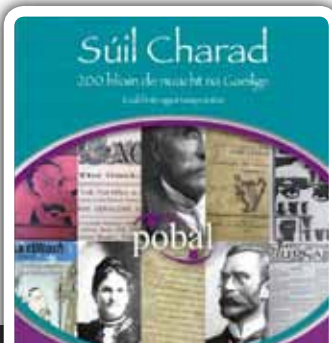
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- ❖ **Date**
Mon 6 – Fri 24 Feb /
Feabhra 6 – 24
- ❖ **Admission**
Free
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'Is maith an scáthán súil charad'
'A friend's eye is a good mirror'

Is ar foilseacháin i nGaeilge le breis agus 200 bliain anuas atá dírithe. Ag toiseacht amach le *Bolg an Tsolair*, foilsithe i 1795 i mBéal Feirste, amharcann an taispeántas ar fás agus forbairt na Gaeilge, i bhfoirm irisí, nuachtáin agus nuachtlitreacha, agus an bealach ar úsáid pobal na Gaeilge na hacmhainn seo leis an teanga a chur chun cinn. Críochnaíonn an taispeántas agus leabhrán leis an 21ú hAois, agus na suíomhanna idirlíon agus blaganna i nGaeilge atá ar fáil ar an ghréasán.

Irish language publications from the last 200 years are the focus of this exhibition. Beginning with *Bolg an Tsolair*, published in 1795 in Belfast, it looks at the growth and development of the language, through the medium of periodicals, newspapers and newsletters, and how the Irish speaking community used these resources to promote the language. It ends in the 21st century, with websites and blogs available on the Internet.



HORSES FOR COURSES

PRESENTED BY
Jane McNally

-
- ❖ **Date**
Tues 6 Mar – Fri 23 Mar
- ❖ **Admission**
Free
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Featuring the paintings of local artist, Jane McNally who lives on a small farm at the foot of Slieve Gallion, this exhibition documents many famous racehorses, animals and the rapidly disappearing rural built heritage.

Jane began painting over ten years ago, and is inspired by the countryside around her and her keen interests in history, traditional architecture, vintage tractors, animals, and her love of horseracing. Jane says 'My favourite artists are George Stubbs, for his understanding of horses, and Victor Ambrus, for his wonderful scruffy illustrations.'



Exhibition

WORKSHOPS SECTION

STORYSHOP

WITH TUTOR
Maura Johnston

- ❖ **Date**
Sat 18 & 25 Feb;
3, 10, 24, 31 Mar
- ❖ **Time & Duration**
10.30am - 12.30pm, 6 weeks
- ❖ **Venue**
Burnavon Arts
and Cultural Centre
- ❖ **Cost**
£20
- ❖ **Places & Age Suitability**
15, Ages 7 to 11 yrs

Come to Storyshop and learn what makes a good story or poem. Explore your creative side, fire your imagination and get writing. At the end of the series of workshops your best story or poem will be professionally illustrated and included in a keepsake publication for you to take home. Learning and fun are guaranteed.

DANCE FOR TEENS

WITH TUTOR
tutor Caroline Creggan

- ❖ **Date**
Tues 31 Jan; 14, 21, 28 Feb;
6, 13, 20, 27 Mar
- ❖ **Time & Duration**
7 pm to 9 pm, 8 weeks
- ❖ **Venue**
Burnavon Arts
and Cultural Centre
- ❖ **Cost**
£30
- ❖ **Places & Age Suitability**
20, 13 years+

Incorporating Zumba-Atomic alongside a mix of freestyle, modern and hip hop, our very popular dance workshops are back for another series. This is your very best way to try out a variety of dance routines, make new friends and get fit in a real fun way.



For further information or to request an application form
contact Arts and Culture Development on 8676 9949 option 4

**EASTER
DELIGHT**

WITH TUTOR
Yolanda Campbell

- 🕒 **Date**
Mon 2 Apr
- 🕒 **Time & Duration**
6.30pm - 9.30pm
- 📍 **Venue**
Burnavon Arts
and Cultural Centre
- 💷 **Cost**
£25 (including flowers
and materials)
- 📍 **Places & Age Suitability**
15

Come and enjoy creating a stunning table design to enhance your home this Easter. Use seasonal flowers and foliage together with an array of Easter sundries.

This workshop is suitable for beginners or learners with some experience. All materials will be supplied.

**BURNAVON
WRITERS**

- 🕒 **Time & Duration**
Fortnightly on Thurs 7 to 9pm,
throughout the year
- 📍 **Venue**
Burnavon Arts
and Cultural Centre
- 💷 **Cost**
£30

A mix of tutor led workshops, guest speakers, special events and open writing sessions, there is much to learn and even more to enjoy.

Contact 028 8676 9949 opt 4
for more information and
confirmation of sessions.

Burnavon Writers Group meets
fortnightly throughout the year
Thursdays 7 to 9pm.



INFORMATION SECTION



GENERAL INFORMATION

How To Book

1. At The Box Office

Tel: 028 8676 9949

Opening Hours:

Monday – Saturday 9am – 5pm

1hr before scheduled performances

2. Book Online At Burnavon Website

www.burnavon.com

24hrs a day, 7 days a week

Please Note: Online purchases and credit card transactions will incur a £1 fee per transaction.

Conditions of Sale

Once purchased, tickets can not be exchanged or money refunded. Management also reserves the right to alter or cancel performances without prior notice if circumstances make this unavoidable.

Concessions

Where applicable, concession rates are clearly identified as part of the ticket price for the show and apply to under 16s and over 60s. If you have a concession ticket, remember to bring photo identification for proof of age at the performance.

Children at Performances

Under 2s will only be admitted to productions aimed at children and must have a ticket for a seat. Buggies and carrycots are not permitted in the auditorium.

School & Group Bookings

If you are a school or a group of 10 or more, contact the Box Office to find out if a discount is available for your booking.

Accessibility

The theatre is fully accessible, meeting DDA legislative standards. The facility is also approved by Adapt NI and includes designated seating and induction loop hearing system in auditorium, lift and specially adapted WC. Please make your requirements known at time of booking so that staff can best assist.

CAP

Captioning is similar to television subtitling and gives Deaf, deafened and hard of hearing people access to live performances. A captioner carefully prepares and cues text that appears in real time on units placed beside the stage. While we advise the front section of the auditorium we have no restricted view between our seats and the stage.

Captioned performances:

Data Protection

The personal details required to administer your booking will be securely stored by the Burnavon. Please inform us if you do not wish to receive Burnavon information. We will not pass on your details to other arts organisations unless you have given your permission to do so.

All information detailed within the Burnavon Season Programme is correct at time of going to print. From time to time additional events may be added and patrons are advised to check out www.burnavon.com for new performances, exhibitions & workshops.

Hire Symbol

This show is a hire performance from an independent organisation.



How To Find Us

Burnavon Arts & Cultural Centre,
Burn Road, Cookstown,
Co. Tyrone BT80 8DN

The Burnavon is conveniently located in Cookstown town centre, easily accessible from both the M1 & M2 motorways. The theatre is a 2 minute walk from the town centre and is sign posted. FREE parking is available in the car park adjacent to the Burnavon



INFORMATION SECTION

SEATING PLAN

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DOOR B

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DOOR C

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TEST DRIVE THE ARTS

Would you like to Test Drive the Arts?

If you haven't been to the performing arts in a while (or not at all!), then we'll give you two guest tickets to come and enjoy one of our selected shows.

If you have been to the Burnavon lately, then don't forget to tell friends, family and colleagues who haven't been here about this initiative – they'll then have the chance to be part of the act!

All you have to do is log on to www.testdriveartsni.org to see what's available, and to make your request.

Terms and conditions apply. For further information please contact Kate on 028 8676 9949 or email Burnavon@cookstown.gov.uk



IRISH LANGUAGE AT THE BURNAVON

Gaelchúltúr ag The Burnavon! / Gaelic Cultural Experience at the Burnavon!

Are you an Irish speaker and want to avail of social opportunities to use the language?

Would you like to explore the Gaelic origins of surnames, place-names or town-lands of the region?

Would you or your family like to learn some Irish language?

An Gaeilgeoir thú atá ag iarraidh deiseanna sóisialta leis an teanga a úsáid?

An bhfuil dúil agat sloinnte Gaelacha agus logainmneacha Gaelacha a fhiosrú?

An bhfuil fonn ort nó ar duine den chlann cuid Gaeilge a fhoghlaim?

There are various events at the Burnavon to provide a gaelic cultural experience including a monthly Irish Language Conversation Circle (10-12 noon on the 3rd Saturday of the month, and Léigh Leat Irish Reading Club every Tuesday 10 – 11 am.

Irish Language classes, Gaelic workshops and Gael-trails are also available on request for schools and community groups

For more information, contact Ursula Ui Dhonnaile, Irish Language Officer at gaeilge@cookstown.gov.uk, or on 028 8676 9949 (option 6).

BURNAVON GIFT VOUCHERS

Give the gift of a good night out.

Have you ever thought about giving someone the gift of a theatre ticket so that they can experience a great night out? Memories can last a lifetime, so why not give friends, family, or even employees the chance to create their own special memory bank!

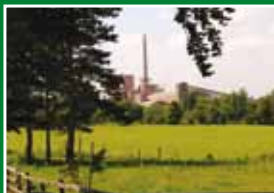
Valid from one year after date of purchase, our gift vouchers come in denominations of £20, £10 and £5, and are delivered in a special presentation wallet, ready to be redeemed against any event held within the Burnavon.

Gift vouchers can be ordered and collected at the Box Office in person or by telephone on 028 8676 9949.





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2 Feb	An evening with Robert Mizzell & Lisa McHugh	● ● ● ● ●	04
3 Feb	An evening of entertainment with Fiddler Adam	● ● ● ● ●	05
4 Feb	Burnavon Comedy Club: Igor – From Russia with love	● ● ● ● ●	05
10 & 11 Feb	Melmoth the Wanderer	● ● ● ● ●	06
16 Feb	The Máirtín O'Connor Band	● ● ● ● ●	07
17 Feb	Justin McGurk – The Love Tour	● ● ● ● ●	07
18 Feb	Tim McGarry's Political Party	● ● ● ● ●	08
20 Feb	Brothers in Arms	● ● ● ● ●	08
24 Feb	The Weir by Conor McPherson	● ● ● ● ●	09
25 Feb	Mike Denver and Guests	● ● ● ● ●	09
2 Mar	Bloomhill Gospel Concert	● ● ● ● ●	09
3 Mar	The Illegals featuring Niamh Kavanagh	● ● ● ● ●	10
7 Mar	Bridge of Hope Concert	● ● ● ● ●	10
8 Mar	Carthaginians by Frank McGuinness	● ● ● ● ●	10
9 Mar	Kenny Archer's Old Time Country Show	● ● ● ● ●	11
10 Mar	Boys Brigade Antiques Fair	● ● ● ● ●	11
16 Mar	St Patrick's Day Celebrations	● ● ● ● ●	12

Event Type:

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22 Mar	Shoot the Crow by Owen McCafferty	● ● ● ● ●	12
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24 Mar	35th Anniversary Cultural Evening	● ● ● ● ●	14
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31 Mar	Marianne Dreams (matinee performance)	● ● ● ● ●	14
31 Mar	Fair Day	● ● ● ● ●	15
12 & 13 Apr	Holiday of a lifetime by Eleanor Crymble	● ● ● ● ●	15
14 Apr	Widow's Paradise by Sam Cree	● ● ● ● ●	16
17 & 18 Apr	Give My Head Peace	● ● ● ● ●	16
20 Apr	Variety Concert	● ● ● ● ●	17
21 Apr	R.J Rocks the 80's	● ● ● ● ●	17
28 Apr	An evening with Brendan Shine and Guests	● ● ● ● ●	17
3 May	Great Expectations	● ● ● ● ●	18
5 May	The Wind in the Willows	● ● ● ● ●	18
9 May	Popular Hits 2012 with Sperrin Choir	● ● ● ● ●	19
17 May	A night with George	● ● ● ● ●	19
19 May	Burnavon Comedy Club: The Kevin McAleer Show	● ● ● ● ●	20
24 May	From the Heart	● ● ● ● ●	20
25 May	James Huish and his Michael Buble Band	● ● ● ● ●	21
26 May	The Sleeping Beauty (in association with the Tyrone Courier)	● ● ● ● ●	21

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